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# HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: Sisters Under the Skin ... Information from the Women's Land Army  
Headquarters in the United States Department of Agriculture.

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The Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady aren't the only sisters under the skin. There's a close bond between hundreds of thousands of farm and city women now too. Together they helped bring in one of the largest food harvests in our history. And they did it extremely well.

We can't say enough about the value of the work done by the Women's Land Army last year.

As for the farmers...well...these few quotes'll give you an idea of what they think. One said during his harvesting season, "I've seen now that city girls without farm work experience can be a real help, and I'm doing everything I can to keep some of them on our place as long as we have work in the fields and orchards." Another said, "Don't know what I'd have done without these six girls to help get in my bean crop. They sure know how to work." Not long ago, a farmer wrote, "Certainly glad to have had the girl's help. Had it last year and hope to have it next."

What about the women? One said it was the most worthwhile vacation she'd ever had. Another explained that no matter how heavy the hay she pitched, how her back ached from weeding or how stubborn the team she was driving, she always had the secret joy that she was helping the war effort. Still another said how she could really appreciate why farm people go to bed so early.

So you see, working on farms is as hard for city members of the Women's Land Army as it is for their farm sisters. But those who've done it enjoyed their experience. And they've accomplished a lot. They can look with pride on the 1944 food production record, knowing that they too had an active hand in it. We all can look forward to the coming harvest season, and plan to help whenever possible. Because women are going to be needed even more in 1945.

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